11. Nagaland

12. Punjab

13. Sikkim

14. Tripura

15. Uttar Pradesh

UNION TERRITORIES

1. Chandigarh

2. Delhi

3. Dadar & Nagar Haveilli

4. Daman & Diu

Recently letters have been addressed to the Chief Ministers of the remaining States by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare for issuing the ban notification in their respective States immediately.

Similar letters have also been addressed to the Administrators of the remaining UTs at the level of Secretary (Health).

Quota of Ration Rice to Kerala

1156. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of Rice given to the State of Kerala during the last one year including month-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the price of Rice has been increased and if so, by how much;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for exempting the State from increase of price of rationed rice and if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) whether any assistance is likely to be given to the State to overcome the rise in price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The State of Kerala has been allotted a quantity of 17.75 lakh tonnes of rice for the public distribution system during the last one year (March, 1991 to February, 1992). The month-wide details are as under:

(In '000 Tonnes)

March, 1991	142.5	September, 1991	150.00
April, 1991	142.5	October, 1991	150.0
May, 1991	142.5	November, 1991	150.0
June, 1991	142.5	December, 1991	150.0
July, 1991	142.5	January, 1992	150.0
August, 1991	162.5*	February, 1992	150.0

* Includes allocation of 20,000 MT for Onam.

(b) and (c). The Central issue prices of all varieties of rice supplied from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System have been increased by Rs. 88/- per quintal w.e.f.

28.12.91. The Central issue prices of rice are uniform throughout the country. The Government of Kerala has represented against the increase in the prices and requested for their withdrawal. As the Central issue prices are uniform throughout the country, no exception can be made in the case of Kerala

(d) No, *Sir*.

Supply of Foodgrains to Kerala

1157. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) foodgrains, rice and wheat sought by the Government of Kerala for the Public Distribution System in the State from June to December 1991 month-wise;

(b) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during this period; and

(c) foodgrains actually released during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The demand, allotment and off-take of rice and wheat in respect of Kerala for the months of June-December 1991 is as under:

(In '000 Tonnes)

	Rice			*Wheat*		
Month	*Demand*	*Allotment*	*Off-Take*	*Demand*	*Allotment*	*Off-Take*
June	160.0	142.5	140.7	30.0	30.0	28.0
July	160.0	142.5	145.6	30.0	30.0	29.8
August	160.0	162.5*	191.7	30.0	30.0	30.3
September	160.0	150.0	135.6	30.0	30.0	29.4
October	160.0	150.0	146.6	30.0	30.0	30.1
November	236.7	150.0	155.7	50.0	30.0	30.7
December	236.7	150.0	149.5	50.0	27.0	25.9

* Includes allocation of 20,000 tonnes for Onam Festival.

Hike in Prices of Wheat, Rice and Sugar

1158. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced a hike in the issue prices of wheat, rice, and sugar recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issue prices per KG in different states;

(c) whether all subsidies have been